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SUBJECT: MASIRAH

REF: CTG SEVEN TWO PT THREE MSG 130915Z SEP 76

1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, I PERSONALLY INFORMED SULTAN QABOOD
IN JULY THAT FOR TIME BEING OUR OCCASIONAL USE OF MASIRAH
WILL NOT EXCEED SIX TIMES PER QUARTER (STATE 183422,
MUSCAT 0914). SUBSEQUENTLY, REVISED P-3 SCHEDULE FOR PRESENT
QUARTER ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING ARRIVAL DATES: JULY 14, AUGUST
23 AND 30, SEPT. 06, 13 AND 27 (CTF SEVEN TWO MESSAGE 180454Z
AUG 76). HAVE JUST RECEIVED REFTEL INDICATING ADDITIONAL FLIGHT
PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 20.

2. DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS (MUSCAT 1088 AND 1118) WE HAVE
NOT BEEN INFORMED WHETHER SCHEDULED FLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 23
AND 30 TOOK PLACE. IF BOTH TOOK PLACE, AND ASSUMING NAVY
STILL INTENDS CARRY OUT SEPT 27 FLIGHT, THE ONE PROPOSED
FOR SEPTEMBER 20 WOULD REPRESENT SEVENTH RPT SEVENTH THIS
QUARTER, AND I STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT, OR THE ONE FOR
SEPTEMBER 27, BE CANCELLED. ONLY UNDER MOST COMPELLING
CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD WE CONSIDER TOTAL OF MORE THAN SIX
PER QUARTER, IN VIEW OF OUR STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS TO
THE SULTAN. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY SO WE CAN GIVE FOREIGN
MINISTER AGREED THREE DAYS NOTICE IF SEPTEMBER 20 FLIGHT

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